

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 5, 10-15, and 19-22 are pending. An Office Action mailed February 24, 2006 identified Claims 1, 4, 5, 10-15, and 19-22 as subject to a restriction and/or election requirement. By way of this response, Applicant hereby withdraws Claims 1, 4, 5, and 10-15.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

The Office Action indicated that Claims 1, 4, 5, 10-15, and 19-22 are directed to the following patentably distinct species:

EMBODIMENT 1: Claims 1, 4, and 5

EMBODIMENT 2: Claims 10-15

EMBODIMENT 3: Claims 19-22

Applicant hereby elects Embodiment #3 which reads on Claims 19-22, and requests that all other claims be withdrawn from consideration without prejudice to possible reinstatement following substantive prosecution of the elected claims, or possible prosecution in subsequent continuation or divisional applications. If there are any questions regarding this application, or any matters that may be handled by telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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